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 8. fitting today, 79 years later. These are his words: "Needful
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JIM: (FADING IN) Doggone it, Bess. This is the first time I can remember that we're not goin' to have Thanksgiving dinner at home.

BESS: Now, Jim...

JIM: You might have prepared me for the sad news at least...But no, you wait until the morning of Thanksgiving Day to tell me...

JERRY: It's a surprise, don't you see, Jim?

MARY: (WHISPERS) Jerry, you fool...

JIM: Huh?

BESS: (HASTILY) What Jerry means, Jim, is that we thought you'd enjoy eating out this once, and we decided not to tell you 'till the last minute.

JIM: But all that shopping you've been doing this week? I figured all the time it was turkey and the fixin's you were buying.

BESS: (LAUGHING) No, Jim. I was shopping for Christmas, early, like everybody should do this year.

JERRY: (CHUCKLING) Yeah, Jim. That was no turkey in that big package. I bet it was your new suit of heavy underwear...

JERRY, BESS AND MARY LAUGH

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JERRY, BESS AND HARRY LAUGH

1. JIM: (SARCASTICALLY) Very funny. Very funny.
2. JERRY: Aw, Jim, It's not such a tragedy, having to eat out. I got an
3. idea you'll enjoy it more than you...
4. MARY: (HASTILY) And think of all the work it will save Mrs. Robbins.
5. JIM: Well, I'll have to agree there's somethin' to that.
6. BESS: Oh, I don't mind cooking. It's just that..well..I thought it would
7. would be nice to go out today.
8. JERRY: Sure, we'll get to see a lot of the folks in town and...
9. MARY: (HASTILY) Excuse me, Jerry. Will you get my sweater? I'm a
10. bit chilly.
11. JERRY: Huh? Oh, sure, sure. (GOING OFF) It's in the hall, isn't it?
12. JIM: What did Jerry mean about seein' a lot of folks in town, Bess?
13. BESS: Oh, I imagine Jerry meant that people will be out walking, and
14. enjoying the weather. It's such a lovely day. That's always nice
15. on a holiday, to see and talk with people. And to count our
16. blessings together.
17. MARY: I think all of us have many reasons to be thankful this year.
18. JERRY: (COMING ON) You're right, about that Mary. Here, want your
19. sweater?
20. MARY: Thank you, Jerry.
21. JERRY: Look at the way things are perking up for the Allies. Americans
22. can be thankful for that, all right?
23. JIM: Yeah. But like Churchill said, we gotta remember this is just
24. the end of the beginning and not necessarily the beginning of the
25. end.

(BARBARA) Very funny. Very funny.

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Hah? Oh, sure, sure. (GOING OUT) It's in the hall, isn't it?

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enjoying the weather. It's such a lovely day. That's always

on a holiday, to see and talk with people. And to count on

pleasantly together.

I think all of us have many reasons to be thankful this year.

(LOOKING ON) You're right about that Mary. Here, want your

sweater?

Thank you, Jerry.

Look at the way things are piling up for the Allied American

can be thankful for that, all right!

Yeah. But like Churchill said, we gotta remember that it's just

the end of the beginning and not necessarily the beginning of

end.

1. BESS: I think I'm most thankful today because we're all still together
2. here, the four of us; in good health and serving our country
3. to the best of our particular abilities.

4. JIM: Amen to that, Bess. And now, Mary, what are you most thankful
5. for today?

6. MARY: Well, Mr. Robbins, I...I'm most thankful I believe because of
7. the well-being that's evident this year in our little community
8. of Winding Creek.

9. JERRY: What are you driving at, Mary?

10. MARY: Well, you see...Even though we find ourselves in the middle of
11. a cruel and terrible war, the people of Winding Creek face the
12. winter with confidence and faith. In spite of necessary
13. rationing and other inconveniences, nobody will go hungry in
14. Winding Creek, nobody will lack warm clothing, nobody will
15. lack work.

16. BESS: That's a splendid thought, Mary. And, when everything's said
17. and done I shouldn't wonder but that it's about the same in most
18. American communities. We can indeed be thankful for that, we
19. Americans.

20. JIM: I'll go along with you on that, Bess. I just hope folks all over
21. this country will take time today to do what we're doing. I just
22. hope folks will count their real blessings today instead of
23. counting their fancied grievances. Nine times outa ten we've
24. a lot more to be grateful for than we have to complain about.

25. JERRY: Gosh, but isn't that the truth, though.

I think it was a beautiful thing because we were in a
house, and some of us in good health and some of our
to the best of our participation and abilities.

And now, I think, I think, what are you most
for today?

Well, Mr. Johnson, I... I'm most thankful I can see someone
the well-being that a vibrant life year in and out
of that's good.

What are you doing at, Mary?
Well, you know... I'm thinking in kind ourselves in the night.
a small and simple way, and people of living their
at the same time and the... in spite of the
realized a... other inconveniences, nobody will go
What's good, nobody will ever want to stop, nobody will
that's good.

and time... I wonder how much is about the...
We are in the... We are in the...
And now...

I'm going to be on my feet. I feel like I'm
this time in my life when I'm going to do what I'm doing.
I'm going to be on my feet. I feel like I'm
a lot more to be grateful for than we have to complain about.
Going back to the time, though.

1. JIM: You were talking about Winding Creek, Mary. I wonder if the
2. folks here realize that the strength of our little town comes
3. from the forest all around them.

4. JERRY: You would think of that, Jim

5. JIM: Yes. I wonder if the folks here realize...if they appreciate
6. the fact that it's this forest that's mostly responsible, in one
7. way or another, for the things you mentioned, Mary? For food,
8. and clothing through work in the forest; for warmth because of
9. wood from the forest?

10. MARY: I'm sure they must realize that, Mr. Robbins.

11. BESS: Of course they do, Jim.

12. JERRY: Good old modest Jim as always. He talks about the forest, he
13. does, but not one word about the fact that it takes a well-managed
14. forest to dish out all those things and keep on providing them
15. year after year.

16. JIM: Well, it's my job to manage the Pine Cone district the best way
17. I can, Jerry. But it takes the forest itself to dish out as
18. you put it, the necessary things of life.

19. BESS: Oh dear! Look at the time. We ought to get started to town.
20. You don't really mind, do you, Jim? Next Thanksgiving, I mean
21. we'll eat at home. But today, well, today will have to be an
22. exception.
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You were talking about winning money. Money.
Folks have realized that the money isn't of our little town
from the forest all around them.

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Yes. I wonder if the folks have realized... it is my opinion
the fact that it's this forest that's mostly responsible
way on another, for the things you mentioned, money, the
and clearing through work in the forest; for with some
work from the forest.

I'm sure they must realize that, Mr. Folger.
It seems they do, Jim.
I feel all right about it as a matter. The money about the forest,
does, but not one word about the fact that it is a real
forest to them and all those things and keep on producing
year after year.

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exception.

It's all right, Bess. Good gravy, after the way I spouted off about countin' our blessings instead of our grievances, you think I'm gonna kick about eating out, do you? (CHUCKLING) It might be kinda fun at that...But I'll bet you one thing, Jerry, I'll bet you a turkey leg we don't get to see many folks downtown away from their homes today.

JERRY: Mister, I'll take that bet...and...

MARY: Jerry!

JERRY: Holy smokes, what did I say wrong now?

JIM: Let him alone, Mary. C'mon, Bess, let's set the pace for these youngsters. We want to get to town before the turkey runs out.

ALL LAUGH OUT

PAUSE

FADE IN FOOTSTEPS, SUSTAIN

JIM: Hey! Where we going? This aint the way to Ma Grady's eating place. There's nothing down this way but the Community center.

JERRY: M-m-m. Smell this crisp air, will yuh? Nothing like a brisk walk to get up an appetite.

JIM: You can walk all you want to, Jerry. Me, I'm hungry as a bear right now. Tell me, Bess, what's the idea of coming down here?

BESS: Oh...we just thought it would be nice to come this way..That's all, Jim.

JIM: Okay. Okay! (CHUCKLES) Jerry, how's it going to feel not to be able to nibble on a turkey leg this Thanksgiving? We haven't met a soul..or do I have to remind you? This oughta teach you not to bet with an old expert on human behavior.

for the purpose of the investigation.

...that the ...

1. JERRY: (LAUGHS) Oh Yeah?
2. JIM: What you laughing about?
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1. MARY: (HASTILY) Look. Here's the community center. Let's go in and
 2. see if they've finished that little library room they were
 3. working on, shall we?
 4. BESS: I think that's a splendid idea.
 5. JIM: All right, but when do we...
 6. JERRY: Come on, I'll get the door. (KNOB TURNS, DOOR CREAKS OPEN)
 7. In with you, Jim.
 8. CHORUS OF VOICES: "There's Jim"... "Hyah Jim"... "Hurray for Jim Robbins"
 9. (SING) For he's a jolly good fellow, for he's a jolly good
 10. fellow, for he's a jolly good fellow, as nobody can deny!
 11. CROWD CHEERS, SUSTAIN CROWD NOISE
 12. JIM: Hey! What's going on here? Why, there's Andy Goodman and Frank
 13. Thompson and Al Perkins and Matt Woody... Looks like the whole
 14. daggoned town's here. Women and children and all.
 15. ANDY: (OFF) Howdy, Jim. Glad you could make it. Come in. Come in.
 16. Don't stand there in the door. It took us all morning to heat
 17. this place.
 18. JERRY: Sure, go on, Jim. I'll close the door.
 19. DOOR SLAMS SHUT
 20. MARY: Look at those tables will you? And all the turkey and
 21. vegetables and steaming bowls of stuffing and gravies... and
 22. hot rolls and...
 23. JERRY: What about those pumpkin pies? Boy, is this something, Jim,
 24. or is it?
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see the other side of the door. (KNOCK) (KNOCK) (KNOCK)

I think it's a wonderful idea.

But, I'm not sure about it.

Can you tell me the date? (KNOCK) (KNOCK) (KNOCK)

It's not a date.

Oh, I see. "What's the date?" "What's the date?"

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JIM: Bens, you knew about this and everybody else knew too, didn't they? Everybody except me. What's the big idea, anyway? And everybody standing around grinning at me..

BESS: Mr. Goodman is in charge, Jim. All we had to do was to get you here on time and we did that. Now you better ask Mr. Goodman to explain.

JIM: Andy, what in blazes is this? I sure think it's fine seeing all these folks here at the Community Center and those tables full of good things to eat, but what's it all about?

ANDY: This is Thanksgiving Day, ain't it, Jim?

JIM: Yeah, sure but...

ANDY: Well, folks in a lot of communities all over the country are getting together this way. It's an expression of good neighborliness and an occasion for giving thanks for the year's blessings. It's a kind of new idea - a Thanksgiving Harvest observance that got its start down in Mississippi earlier this fall...We decided to do the same thing here in Winding Creek.

JIM: I see.

ANDY: (CALLS) Quiet, folks. Quiet a minute.

CROWD NOISE SUBSIDES

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4. Here in Winding Creek we're grateful for a bountiful harvest
5. too, even though it's a different kind of harvest... You see,
6. Jim, we're still a little old lumbering town whatever anyone
7. else may say. We know it and what's more we appreciate what
8. our forest has done for us, for every man, women, and child
9. in this room...

10. BESS: Isn't that wonderful, Jim?

11. JIM: (HUSKILY) Yeah, it sure is, Bess.

12. ANDY: It's the forest that built our town, and the forest is keeping
13. it going...the Pine Cone National Forest, Jim. Our men have
14. had work, most of our homes are built out of the wood from
15. the forest, our kids have been helped along to good educations.
16. because of the forest. And take those boys of ours, may God
17. keep them, those boys from Winding Creek who are sitting down
18. to Thanksgiving dinner over seas today...why they got their
19. health and strength and good character out of our forest and
20. nobody can say different. We owe a lot to the forest, Jim.
21. Even more this year than ever, we figure...

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23. thanks for the forest, huh?

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goes on try to tell him... Well, all over the country folks are
grateful for a good season's crop - for a bountiful harvest.
Here in Standing Creek we're grateful for a bountiful harvest
too, even though it's a different kind of harvest... You see,
Jim, we're still a little old lumbering town whatever anyone
else may say. We know it and what's more we appreciate what
our forest has done for us, for every man, woman, and child
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(HUCKLE) Yeah, it sure is, Boss.

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1. ANDY: (SLOWLY WITH EMPHASIS) Yes, Jim. We're giving thanks for the
2. forest and to you for the way you've handled this Pine Cone
3. National Forest for us all these years. (CROWD APPLAUDS) I
4. don't reckon I need to say much more than that. It might...
5. well...it might kinda embarrass both of us...Well, we've been
6. waiting for you to get here, and now...
7. MARY: (SOTTO) Look at Mr. Robbins, Jerry. He has teras in his eyes.
8. JERRY: (SOTTO) Yeah..it's a fine tribute, all right, You know, I
9. don't believe I'm gonna insist on collecting that bet now,
10. Mary. He can keep his turkey leg, after this.
11. MARY: (LIGHTER) You silly.
12. ANDY: We want you to give the blessing, Jim.
13. SOUND OF SHUFFLING, CROWD MURMUR SUBSIDES
14. JIM: (CLEARS THROAT) On this day of Thanksgiving, Lord, we are
15. grateful to you for so many things...for these splendid men,
16. women and children so happily gathered together here, for this
17. plentiful food, for the forest of living trees that has made
18. (FADE) this wonderful day possible...
19. MUSIC IN UNDER LAST LINE OF ABOVE
20. MUSIC UP FOR FINALE
21. ANNOUNCER: And now, from Uncle Sam's forest Rangers to all of you: A
22. Happy Thanksgiving! This program has been a network
23. presentation with the cooperation of the Forest Service, United
24. States Department of Agriculture.
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waiting for you to get here, and now...

(GOTTO) Look at Mr. Robbins, Jerry. He has tears in his eyes.

(GOTTO) Yeah... it's a fine tribute, all right. You know, I

don't believe I'm gonna insist on collecting that hat now.

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BOUND OF SHUTTLE, GROWD MURMUR SUBSIDES

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